

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

**6a**

**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Cardinal Marsh Wildlife Area – Winneshiek County**

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The Wildlife Bureau is conducting a timber sale involving approximately 16 acres involving 533 trees (43,150 board feet (Scribner)) located on the Cardinal Marsh Wildlife Area. The trees are located Sections 6, 7 & 8, Lincoln Township, T98N, R10W, in Winneshiek County. Trees are marked with orange paint.

This is a scheduled harvest of primarily of mature walnut, maple, and oak. The goal for this site is to regenerate oak and create early successional species. The 16 acre harvest is divided into 2 separate clearcut areas of 3 and 10 acres at the forest edges. These areas will be planted to oak after the harvest. The harvest will create early successional habitat which is lacking in the area.

This proposed sale was visited by Mark Leoschke, DNR Wildlife Bureau. There was no indication that any endangered plant or animal species are in this area. Additionally, no evidence of archeological resources was noticed when the area was marked for harvest in October 2006. The area is far north of the accepted Indiana bat region.

Harvesting will only be allowed when the ground is firm or frozen. Steep slopes will not be harvested. No harvesting will be allowed from December 1-22<sup>nd</sup>, due to shotgun deer season, or between April 1 though August 31<sup>st</sup> due to migratory bird nesting season. Access is through State-owned land.

Sealed bids were received until 1:30 PM., Friday, December 15, 2006, at which time bids were opened.

The bids were as follows:

<b><u>TIMBER BUYER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Ed Bruggeman, Sitco	\$31,161.00
Charles Downs	30,831.00
Belden Logging	26,585.00
Jim Sheehan, Hawkeye	24,100.00
Gordon Norton	22,900.00
Todd Jones	17,609.00
Chuck Schmitt, Webster	16,731.00

Staff recommends that the Commission accept of the bid from Edbruggeman, Sitco. Sitco must execute a timber sale contract with the State of Iowa by January 31, 2007, and make payment at that time. Trees must be removed with 18 months of signing the contract. Liability insurance is required. Buyers must be bonded.

Ken Herring, Division Administrator  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
January 17, 2006

<b>Species</b>	<b># of trees</b>	<b>Ave. Bd.Ft/tree</b>	<b>Est. Bd.Ft.</b>
Red, Black oak	123	126	15,770
White, Bur oak	104	96	9,990
White elm	9	84	760
Red elm	8	104	830
Basswood	10	146	1,460
Hard maple	9	214	1,930
Black cherry	2	110	220
Black walnut	87	125	10,890
Hackberry	3	60	180
Cottonwood, aspen	8	140	1,120
Culls	168		
Totals	533		43,150

See Attached Maps

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**ITEM**

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**INFORMATION**

**TOPIC**

**Syn Magill – North Cedar Wildlife Area – Clayton County**

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The Wildlife Bureau is conducting a timber sale involving approximately 17 acres involving 246 trees (30,100 board feet (Scribner)) located on the Syn Magill, North Cedar Wildlife Area. The trees are located Sections 15, Clayton Township, T94N, R3W, in Clayton County. Trees are marked with blue paint.

The goal for this 17-acre site is to remove diseased, storm damaged and defective trees. The harvest will salvage trees that are deteriorating and improve wildlife habitat on the forest floor. The tops from harvested trees and increased understory growth resulting from additional light will improve the wildlife habitat on the area. The harvest is in accordance with the Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan written and approved February, 2006.

This proposed sale was checked Mark Leoschke, DNR Wildlife Bureau Plant Ecologist and Wildlife Diversity Specialist, Doug Harr. There was no indication that any endangered plant or animal species are in this area. No archeological sites are suspected and none were noted while on site. The area is far north of the accepted Indiana bat region.

Harvesting will only be allowed when the ground is firm, dry or frozen. Steep slopes will not be harvested. No harvesting will be allowed from December 1-22<sup>nd</sup>, due to shotgun deer season, or between April 1 though August 31<sup>st</sup>. Access is through State-owned land.

Sealed bids were received until 1:30 PM., Friday, December 15, 2006, at which time bids were opened and the sale was awarded to the highest bidder.

The bids were as follows:

<b><u>TIMBER BUYER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Todd Jones	\$11,455.00
Belden Logging	10,720.00
Charles Downs	10,611.00
Jim West, Kendrick	10,000.00
Chuck Schmitt, Webster	8,387.20

The bid from Todd Jones, Jones Wood Heating, was accepted for \$11,455.00. Jones Wood Heating must execute a timber sale contract with the State of Iowa by January 15, 2007, and make payment at that time. Trees must be removed with 18 months of signing the contract. Liability insurance is required. Buyers must be bonded.

Ken Herring, Division Administrator  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
January 4, 2007

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b># OF TREES</b>	<b>AV. BD. FT./TREE</b>	<b>EST. BD. FT.</b>
Red, Black Oak	105	166	17,410
White, Bur Oak	11	111	1,220
White Elm	10	103	1,030
Red Elm	7	196	1,370
Basswood	26	143	3,710
Hard Maple	26	111	2,880
Ash	9	138	1,240
Cherry	2	125	250
Hickory	6	105	630
Walnut	3	120	360
Culls	41		
Totals	246		30,100